

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 1989, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MEETING OF THE CLOSED SESSION, IN ROOM GM 407-1, SGW CAMPUS

Attendance: Present: Me A. Gervais, Chairman, Mr. A. Amini, Mr. B. Aune, Ms. L. Brodrick, Ms. M. Donaldson, Mr. M. J. Bourgault, Mr. J. N. Economides, Mr. L. Ellen, Dr. T. Fancott, Mr. J. R. Firth, Prof. S. Friedland, Chief Justice A. B. Gold, Dr. H. Habib, Mr. T. Hecht, Dr. P. Kenniff, Mr. C. Leclaire, Mr. A. Madsen, Sister E. McIlwaine, Mr. D. McNinch, Ms. S. McLeod, Mr. D. W. McNaughton, Mr. A. H. Michell, Me J. J. Pepper, Mr. J. H. smith, Me M. Vennat, Ms. S. Woods, Mr. N. Woollard.

Officers of the University: Dr. M. Cohen, Dr. C. Giguère Me B. Gaudet.

Absent: Dr. J. Bhatnagar, Mme M.J. Drouin, Mr. R.K. Groome, Mr. P. Ivanier, Mr. F. Knowles, Dr. M. Kusy, Mr. R. Lawless, Dr. M. Shames, Mr. W.W. Stinson, Mr. C.I. Taylor, Mr. M. Woollard.

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED AND ATTACHED TO THESE MINUTES:

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| BG-89-4-D21 | - | Change in name of the Communication Studies Medal |
| BG-89-4-D22 | - | Transfer to Concordia from the City of Montreal, of parts of a lane located near Belmore avenue (Loyola Campus) |
| BG-89-4-D23 | - | Amendment to the Brokerage Account Resolution |
| BG-89-4-D24 | - | Report of the Rector on Sundry Fees |
| BG-89-4-D25 | - | Approval of the 1989-90 budget for the Concordia Council on Student Life |
| BG-89-4-D26 | - | Revision to the composition of the Arts and Science Faculty Council |
| BG-89-4-D27 | - | Revision to the composition of the Commerce and Administration Faculty Council |
| BG-89-4-D28 | - | Increase in fees to be deducted on behalf of CUSA |
| BG-89-4-D29 | - | Report on the Annual Giving 1988-89 |

1.1 Chairman's Remarks

Me Gervais announced that Dr. Kenniff, Dr. Cohen and himself had been in New York on April 13 and 14 to meet with the New York Chapter of Concordia Alumni, and that they had attended a meeting of their Executive.

1.2 The Agenda was approved as submitted.

1.3 It was moved and seconded (Madsen, Firth) and unanimously RESOLVED:

R89-25 THAT the Minutes of the open Session of the meeting held on March 15, 1989, be approved.

2. Business arising from the last Minutes

Mr. McNinch referred to page 5, item 5 of the Minutes of the Open Session. He wanted to know whether the Rector had approved a suitable name for CASA, to be used for accreditation purposes. Dr. Kenniff answered that he had given CASA the written authorization to use the word "Federation" in the official designation.

3. Approval of the change in name of the Communication Studies Medal

It was moved and seconded (Gold, McNaughton) and unanimously RESOLVED:

R89-26 THAT, on the recommendation of Senate, the proposed change in name from lithe Communication Studies Medal" to that of lithe John E. O'Brien, S.J., Medal for Communication Studies", be approved.

4. Approval of Amendments to Articles 4 and 6 of the University By-laws

After Dr. Kenniff had moved the motion, seconded by Me Vennat, Me Gervais proposed that the word "and" be added at the end of sub-paragraphs a) and b), for clarification purposes. The amendment was carried.

It was moved and seconded (Kenniff, Vennat) and unanimously RESOLVED:

R89-27 WHEREAS the Board of Governors has approved the Report of the Sub-Committee on the Status of Governor Emeritus and the recommendations as set out therein;

WHEREAS in accordance with one of these recommendations, membership in the Corporation of Concordia university should be expanded to include those individuals on whom the title of Chancellor Emeritus, or the title of Governor Emeritus, or the title of Rector Emeritus has been conferred;

WHEREAS while the Charter of the University does not limit the number of members of the Corporation of the university, it has been customary in the past for the members of the Corporation to be the same as the members of the Board of Governors; this is reflected in Article 4 of the By-laws of the University, which limits membership in the Corporation to forty (40);

WHEREAS the said Article 4, as well as Article 6 providing for the Board's power to elect the members of the Corporation, require amendment in order to reflect the changes mentioned above;

AND

WHEREAS in accordance with Article 38 of the said Bylaws, the Governors have been given fifteen (15) days written notice of the proposed amendments prior to the meeting of the Board.

THAT Article 4, in Section III of the By-laws, be amended so as to read as follows:

"Membership in the Corporation of the University shall consist of the following persons:

- a) Not more than forty (40) persons who shall each hold office for a period of three (3) years or less, or until their successors are elected; and
- b) Persons holding the title of Chancellor Emeritus; and
- c) Persons holding the title of Governor Emeritus; and d) Persons holding the title of Rector Emeritus;

All of the members shall be Canadian citizens unless this requirement is waived in specific cases by majority vote of the members."

AND

THAT Article 6 in Section III be amended by adding the following words after the word "Governors":

"The titles of Chancellor Emeritus, Governor Emeritus and Rector Emeritus are conferred by the Board of Governors on the basis of criteria which it approves. Members of the Corporation serving a limited term are eligible for re-election."

Chancellor Gold advised that the requirement in the Resolution that all the Corporation members shall be Canadian citizens could be challenged under the Charter of Human Rights because of a recent judgment of the Supreme Court of Canada stating that such requirements may be contrary to some provisions of the Charter.

Dr. Kenniff indicated that this was not an addition to by-law no.4, but had been in the University by-laws for some time. He agreed, however, that, in view of chancellor Gold's remarks, the matter would be worth looking into in the future.

5. Approval of a transfer to Concordia from the City of Montreal, of parts of a lane located near Belmore avenue (Loyola Campus)

It was moved and seconded (Kenniff, Donaldson) and unanimously RESOLVED:

R89-28 WHEREAS Concordia University is the legal owner of cadastral lots 148-238 and 148-262 to 267 inclusive of the Parish of Montreal, which are adjacent to a lane located on the West side of Belmore Avenue, (Loyola Campus);

WHEREAS the City of Montreal has agreed to transfer to the adjacent owners, for the sum of one dollar (\$1.00), parts of a lane located on the West side of Belmore Avenue; AND

WHEREAS such transfer requires that the Board of Governors authorize Concordia University to accept it, and to waive its rights in the said lane in order to remove its public property status, so that the City may legally transfer the ownership to the adjacent owners;

THAT the Board of Governors authorize Concordia University to accept the transfer, from the City of Montreal, of parts of a lane located on the West side of Belmore Avenue, as indicated in document BG-89-4-D22, subject to the terms and conditions as set out therein; AND

THAT Dr. Charles Giguère, the Vice-Rector, Services, be authorized to sign the Deed of Transfer for and on behalf of the University.

6. Proposed amendment to the Brokerage Account resolution

Mr. Smith explained that this was a rather technical amendment which had become necessary to clarify something which could be misleading in the wording of the Brokerage Account resolution. It was intended that the four persons authorized therein to act on behalf of the University could act separately, rather than all four of them jointly. This amendment was merely to clarify the intent.

It was moved and seconded (Smith, Ellen) and unanimously RESOLVED:

R89-29 WHEREAS the Board of Governors, at its meeting held on December 21, 1988, approved a resolution concerning the establishment of a brokerage account; AND

WHEREAS the compliance sections of the brokerage firms have requested a minor change in the said resolution, in order to make it clear that any of the Authorized Persons (rather than all of them acting jointly) be authorized to act on behalf of the University;

THAT Resolution R88-105 of the Board of Governors be amended so as to include the words "or any one of them after the words "Director of Finance".

7. Report of the Rector to the Board on the approval of sundry fees by the Office of the Rector.

Dr. Kenniff introduced document BG-89-4-D24, outlining briefly the general purpose of these increases in sundry fees.

Prof. Friedland, referring to page 2 of the said report, pointed out that item c) labelled as "Music Teachers (Private Studies) Fees" was a misleading appellation since these fees were actually paid by students. Dr. Kenniff acknowledged that this may not be an accurate description, but it was the one provided to the Rector's office. It is clearly a student fee.

8. Approval of the 1989-90 budget for the Concordia Council on Student Life (CCSL).

Mr. Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that the Committee had met earlier the same morning in order to consider the proposed CCSL budget. The document which was submitted to the Finance Committee included in fact two separate proposals. The first one pertained to the proposed budget of the Concordia Council on Student Life for 1989-90, as outlined in document BG-89-4-D25. Mr. Smith indicated that the proposed expenditures were for ongoing services to the students, and that they represented a 5% average increase each year.

It was moved and seconded (Smith, Madsen) and unanimously RESOLVED:

R89-30 THAT, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Concordia Council on Student Life (CCSL) Budget for 1989-90, as set out in document BG-89-4-D25, be approved.

The second recommendation in document BG-89-4-D25 pertained to the building of an indoor swimming pool and to the establishment of a \$.50 per credit fee, for a period of six years, to cover the costs. Mr. Smith explained that the Finance Committee was not in favour of this recommendation, 1) because it felt that there was not enough information and documentation on which to base its judgment, and 2) because there were concerns about considering this proposal in isolation, rather than as part of a global planning, as it should be. Moreover, the student association (CUSA) had not been formally consulted

and its Board of Directors had not yet deliberated on the issue. For these reasons, the Finance Committee agreed to table the report and recommendation as to the indoor swimming pool, for further consideration.

9. Approval of Revision to the Composition of the Arts and Science Faculty Council

It was moved and seconded (Kenniff, Economides) and unanimously RESOLVED:

R89-31 THAT, on the recommendation of Senate, the revision to the composition of the Arts and Science Faculty Council, as proposed in document BG-89-4-D26, be approved.

10. Approval of Revision to the Composition of the Commerce and Administration Faculty Council

It was moved and seconded (Kenniff, Brodrick) and unanimously RESOLVED:

R89-32 THAT, on the recommendation of Senate, the revision to the composition of the Commerce and Administration Faculty council, as proposed in document BG-89-4-D27, be approved.

11. Approval of an increase in fees to be deducted on behalf of CUSA

Mr. Nick Woollard, who was supposed to move the motion, explained that while the newly-elected co-president of CUSA, Melodie Sullivan, had forwarded to the Secretary-General a formal written request for an increase in fees for QPIRG, actually this issue had not been approved by the Board of Directors of CUSA because there was no quorum at the meeting. He suggested that this motion should be tabled and reconsidered by the Board at its next meeting, after the Board of Directors of CUSA has had time to consider the matter again.

12. Report of the Vice-Rectors

12.1 Dr. Cohen announced that as part of the annual Giving Campaign, a phonathon had been organized which was to be held during the month of May, three days a week, for three weeks (namely May 16, 17 and 18, May 23, 24 and 25, and May 30, 31 and June 1, 1989). The activities would take place at the Head Office of the Laurentian Bank. He invited all the Board members to show their support for this initiative.

12.2 Dr. Giguère reported: a) the appointment of Mr. Bruce Smart as Registrar of the University, following a recommendation by an Advisory Search committee; b) the

departure of Mr. Ivan Fuchs, the Director of the Computer Centre. Dr. Giguère said that a Search Committee would be appointed to find a replacement.

13. Report of the Rector

- 1) Dr. Kenniff announced that the Deputy Minister of Higher Education and Science had approved the proposed plans for the building of four additional half floors in the Downtown Library Complex. The Government also agreed to provide an extra \$490,000 of funding for this purpose, which will allow Concordia to go ahead with the project as planned.
- 2) Dr. Kenniff reported briefly that the construction on the Downtown Library Project is progressing according to schedule.
- 3) Dr. Kenniff was pleased to announce that the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) had awarded Concordia a sum of \$500,000 for an innovative joint Doctoral programme to be conducted with China's South-East University.
- 4) Concerning the appointment of a Vice-Rector, Academic, Dr. Kenniff said he anticipated to report on this issue at the May meeting of the Board.
- 5) With respect to the negotiations for the purchase of the Loyola High School, Dr. Kenniff reported that they were progressing although not as fast as we could wish for.

16. Date of next meeting

Me Gervais informed the Board members that as is customary, the May meeting of the Board will be held at the Loyola Campus. This meeting was scheduled to be held on May 17, 1989. However, because some members of the Board would have been unable to attend at that date, it was suggested to move the date to the following week. After discussion, it was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday, May 24, 1989.

17. The meeting terminated at 8:50 a.m.

Bérengère Gaudet,
Secretary-General